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The Director appeared before the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee to testify in support of the appropriations request of $49,000,000 in connection with the CIA building. He was accompanied by Messrs. White, [redacted] Chandler and Paul of CIA; Messrs. Harrison and Abramovitz; Mr. Poorman of GSA; [redacted] and a representative of the PBS. A transcript was taken of the testimony, which has been edited and will ultimately be published. The general reaction of the Committee members present was favorable. There was a general expression of concern, however, over the fact that we were not able to request at this time an appropriation large enough to permit construction of a building which would house all CIA employees. Certain of the Committee members appeared to feel a more orderly procedure would be to get our authorization raised prior to seeking the necessary appropriations. The Director indicated that we had been informally advised not to seek an additional authorization during this session of the Congress. In the light of this, he strongly urged the Committee to appropriate funds presently authorized on the assumption that we would return as soon as possible during the next session for the remainder of needed funds.

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Following the Director's testimony, a statement favoring a Maryland site was introduced by Rep. Lankford of Maryland, and Roger Fisher appeared as a public witness in opposition to the location of CIA at Langley.

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